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1st. September,

1924.

REPORT ON The Chinese Workmen and Merchants Improvement Society,
5115 Haining Road.

Made by D. S. I. Yorks.

Forwarded by

J. M. Moore

Sir,

The association referred to in the extract from the "Eastern Times" of 25/8/24 is "The Chinese Workmen and Merchants Improvement Society" which was established on 17/8/24. This society rents the upper floor of No. 5115 Haining Road. All the expenses incurred by this society such as rent, purchase of books, newspapers, etc. are borne by five Cantonese whose names and employment follow herewith:

NAME

EMPLOYMENT

Loong Ts Siang 龍致祥

Partner of Zai Tai (瑞泰) piece goods shop, 43 North Szechuen Road. (Chairman of Society).

Loon Ts Ching 馬志堅

Engineer of Edison electric bulb factory.

Wong Sz Chau 黃時曉

Accountant of Foo Hong (富康) native bank, 137 Boone Road.

Loong Ching Zai 龍璋瑞

Fireman of s/s "Ho Sung".

Hoo Sai 何才

Fireman of s/s "Lee Sung".

The society at present consists only of the five afore-mentioned Cantonese who, however hope to interest a certain number of their fellow-nationals and persuade them to become members.

I paid a surprise visit to these premises on 29/8/24, but found nothing of a communistic or like nature amongst the literature exhibited in the rooms.

The Chairman of the society indignantly denied there being any

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connection between his society and the Chinese Ku Klux Klan and further stated that a correction of the article of 25/3/24 had since been published by the Eastern Times.

This society is in its extreme infancy at present. Rules to be adopted are now being prepared by Mr. T. S. Soong, a Chinese barrister-at-law and when completed, a copy will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently, .

D. S. I.

D. S. I.

A/D. G. (I.)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

From

DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE.
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

Tel. No. C. 23.

August 25, 1924.

To. Senior Detective

i/o C.I.D., H

Extract from the Eastern Times
dated August 25, 1924.

It is reported that the
Chinese Ku Klux Klan has been
revived in Shanghai and that its
office is located on the upper
floor of a machine shop on
Haining Road. The signboard
of a certain association
not that of the K.K.K. has been
exhibited. Meetings are being
held late into the night. The
promoters are Cantonese who
have engaged the service of
certain lawyers.

B. B. B. B. B.

Acting D. C. I.

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REPORT ON The Chinese Ku Klux Klan

Made by D. I. Sullivan

Forwarded by

J. H. Guiness D. I.

Sir,

The headquarters of the Chinese Ku Klux Klan, ^{76 aal} Heng Ping Road, was sealed up by the Chapei Police on June 28. Captain L. Kearny, founder of the society, left his residence, ^{66 aal} Heng Ping Road next door to the headquarters of the Klan, somewhat suddenly on June 29 and he and his Chinese wife and children are now living at 68 Quinsan Gardens, a boarding house kept by an American citizen named Jay Elmont. Rowlands and Martinenghi two proteges of Kearny's are being assisted and are staying temporarily at the Wayport Rooms. The attached papers were handed to me by an informer who obtained them at the headquarters of the Klan. They are not of much importance except that the note marked (1) from Dr. Ching to Kearny shows that they anticipated the sealing of the premises, and the matter contained in the paper marked (2) which it was apparently the intention of Kearny and his associates to publish in a weekly periodical would be considered inflammatory, at least Chinese newspapers have been convicted for publishing matter which was not any worse. However the paper has not so far been published so that the question of a ~~xxx~~ prosecution does not arise.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan.
D., I.

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SHANGHAI, CHINA.

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(1)

Dear Capt.

Consul Cunningham
just called by phone
that he will not be re-
sponsible for the flag and
demanded it be taken down

I am not coming
out ~~your~~ way and guess
it will be a long while until
things quiet down.

According to his
words he will be glad to
reconsider matters even
at any time but he objects

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(2) Brother you have been elected by the Supreme Klan as Grand Dragon of this order and it is your duty to command a regiment of the Invisible army of the Klans which will be composed of approximately 1400 klansmen, you will appoint your own officers of lower rankrank subject to the approval of the Supreme Klan.

China needs you, get your regiment in full compliment as soon as possible as the time is soon coming when the call might be made and we must be prepared.

Do you promise on your honor as a man and klansman that you will deal faithfully and honorable with your officers and klansmen? That you are ready when the call comes to sacrifice all to aid China take her place among the great ~~Nation~~ republics of the world. That you do not believe in a monarchy, but in a government of the people, by the people and for the people. That you will be faithful to the principles of the great order that you now have the honor to be a Grand Officer, That you will honor the flag of your country and ~~XXXXX~~ keep it clean from infamy.

You promise this on the shield of your ~~NAME~~ order and on your honor as a man.

Candidate answers

on behalf of the Supreme Klan of which I am Dragon ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ representing on this occasion I welcome you as an officer of the Grand Klan. Do not let yourself be slack in the cause of China. Use every effort to aid your country in every way possible, but especially

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in uniting all true Chinese under one banner of freedom so that when the time comes to rid our country of the despots you will be enabled to have your full compliment of klansmen in your regiment. We must resist the enroachments of foreign powers and especially of the ~~XXXX~~ corrupt leaders of China who are robbing her of all in their greed for gain. These parisites are unworthy of being called Chinese and like all parisites must be eliminated so that the true government can control. Dragon it is your duty to aid the people in suppressing not only the leaders but also the followers of these parisites.

Everything has to have a beginning, you are beginning and dont let any obstacles prevent you from finishing the task you are oath bound to finish.

May the "Gods" give to you the strength to fullfill you great object, the unity of Chinese in one body for the good of all.

Dragon I greet you with the fellowship grip of the Grand Klan.

The guards shall robe the candidate with a robe which has no marks and lead him to the door or entrance of the room, or if in the open to where the Grand Bear is located. On arriving at the guard shall knock three times - - - the captain of the guards will answer by three knocks - - - and shall say, "who comes here"? The guard shall say, "the klansmen with a stranger who has been found wandering in the wilderness"

The captain of the guards shall say, "why does he desire to enter here," The guards shall say, "that he might be of help to his country," The captain of the guards shall then say to the Grand Lion, "the klansmen on guard have found a stranger who wishes to enter the fold that he might be of assistance to his country," The Grand Lion shall say, "Hence the guards bring him in and warn him of the step that he is taking."

The captain shall then say, "Stranger we will admit you but I warn you that if you come for any ulterior motive and you fail in the test that you shall suffer the penalty, enter".

On entering the room he shall be brought to the Priest who will say, "stranger you have been brought before me to give to you a blessing that you may be enabled to stand the test of the Klans, are you ready for the ordeal?" if he says yes ~~XXX~~ the priest shall say, "May the great Supreme of all give to you the strength to keep your oath and help you aid your country, Your life is nothing but the great cause of the liberties of the people is more ~~XX~~ than any mans life and all inhere are pledged to give his life if necessary for the good of China and his brother, are you ready to take the oath of fidelity to your country and your brother," if the candidate says yes then the preist shall say, "stranger you will now be lead to the judge and I again warn you that you must guard yourself in your conduct and may the blessings of the Great Supreme being go with you."

He ~~is~~ then lead to the judge who shall give him the oath after which he is lead to the Lion who shall say, "Stranger look on the flag of our country, this is what we are ready to lay down our lives for that it may be kept untarnished and will float high in the Heavens that all may see the glory and honor in the people of China, it stands for liberty and equality and you have this day taken a pledge to uphold the honor ~~XXXX~~ of that flag, ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXX~~ even if hunted like an animal and have to hide in the holes of the ground, look on it and have your mind impressed with its glory" then make the same statement as always and give him the secret work.

After he has had the secret work all those present shall grasp him with the grip of the Klansmen.

Work of Degree Team

There shall be a degree team of the following.

Grand Lion or representative

Grand Judge

Grand Standard bearer

Grand Chaplain or Priest

Grand Bear

Grand Leopard

~~Grand~~ Seal

Camel

Eight Klansmen. or if there is room then 10 klansmen.

The Grand Lion shall give the secret work of the Klans

The Grand Judge shall give the Oath of the Order

The Grand Standard bearer shall carry the flag of Our Country and Klan

The Grand Priest shall give the exhortation

The grand bear shall be in command of the guards

The Grand Leopard shall be second in command

The ~~Grand~~ Seal shall lead the candidate

~~The~~ camel shall guard the candidate with the guards.

NOTICE NO 36

Members 10,518 and 10,519 HAVE BEEN
EXPELLED FROM THE ORDER AS UNWORTHY
AND KLANSMEN ARE REQUESTED TO AVOID ANY
DEALINGS WITH THEM, NAMES OF THESE OUTCASTS
CAN BE OBTAINED FROM HEADQUARTERS

通告第三十六號

黨員一〇五二五五二九號

因不稱黨員資格業已逐出本堂

凡我黨員請各絕交其姓名下

向總部查詢

Extract from Daily Report

June 30, 1924.

The offices of the Chinese Ku Klux Klan at No. 7
East Heng Ping Road were sealed up by the Chapel Police
at 11 a.m. June 29, 1924 in the presence of Mr. S.K. Chen
(陳鎮東) of the Bureau for Foreign Affairs.

THE KU KLUX KLAN

As It Was in Its Origination:
Recent Revival an Off-Shoot
of Blonde Beast Idea

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY.

In the United States, the original Ku Klux Klan came into existence as a result of the Civil War. Negroes only just freed from economic and political slavery, rough and uneducated northerners known as carpet-baggers, coming into the South to make what they could out of the misfortunes of a fine people defeated in war, banded together. The young men of the South had to find a means of defending their moral and social rights, their homes and women folk, from such a combination. They eventually organized the Klan, the night-riders of which garbed in flowing white robes, hooded, silent, bearing a Fiery Cross, acted as a police force for the enforcement of moral law in the chaotic South. Such bodies appear everywhere in the world in similar circumstances. Such bodies have appeared in China in the form of volunteer organizations.

In due course, the Klan disappears from American history. Like similar institutions, when the immediate cause for its organization disappeared, the better element retired, disinterested and dishonesty set in and the movement went to pieces. Some years ago, Thomas Dixon, an American author, wrote a novel on the subject which David Griffith arranged for the screen in the form of "The Birth of a Nation." The picture is perhaps one of the only true screen classics, for it has been showing for many years and the public seems never to tire of it. It has very potently influenced American public opinion, has re-crystallized the anti-negro feeling and has given a background in romance for a peculiar racial movement developing in the United States simultaneously with the nationalistic unmeasured chauvinism attending the War.

The Fair Hair Fallacy.

This movement might go by the name of the Superiority of the Nordics. It will be remembered that the Germans had for many decades preached the superiority of the Teutons over all human beings. The blonde beast of Nietzsche was ridiculed during the clamour of the war, but the idea sunk into the minds of many non-Germans who were themselves blonde, blue-eyed, tall and of apparent Teutonic origin. Houston Stewart Chamberlain, a Briton born, but a German by citizenship and affinity, son-in-law of Wagner, a follower of Thor and Parsifal, a wearer of an Iron Cross and the most abject of scholarly panders to the Kaiser, wrote two fat and wearisome volumes called, "The Foundations of the 20th Century," in which he tried to prove that everything good and valuable in the civilization of the human race was of Aryan or Teutonic origin. He forgets the achievements of the Huns, the Ephthalites, the Turks and other peoples of Mongolia and Central Asia, the mixture of peoples in the Mediterranean, of Asiatic, African,

European and Indo-European. What is good was done by someone with blonde or red hair or by one who should have blonde or red hair. He even claims that Jesus Christ was a Teuton because all pictures of Him show blonde hair!

This idea of the superiority of the blondeness fitted well with social conditions in the United States. For there, although the country is republican, a social aristocracy of Anglo-Saxons has developed over the large mass of mixed nationality. The names of the holders of high public office indicate the significance of this Anglo-Saxon aristocracy: Lincoln, Johnson, Buchanan, Arthur, Garfield, Roosevelt, McKinley, Cleveland, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge—not a Slavic, Latin, or Semitic name anywhere. The pure Anglo-Saxon or Scottish-Irish Protestant class in the United States has remained predominant throughout American history and is likely to remain such, for with restricted immigration, the numerical attack on this class is weakened.

The Nordic Theory.

Certain pseudo-scientists utilized the German idea of the superiority of the Teuton, changed the word Teuton to Nordic, got enthusiastic about Scandinavia and launched an attack on the civilization of everything which was not Teutonic in origin.

Into the rights and wrongs of the theory behind such a movement, it is impossible to go here. The fact of the movement is sufficient. It was widespread and general. It led to adhesion of similarly-minded people who sought to preserve the type of political and social institution which they knew and liked to live under. It led to a distrust of the alien in the United States, particularly the Southern and Eastern European, the Semite and the Asiatic. The fact that radicalism in the United States was as much a political tendency among the New England old families such as the Lowells, the Longfellow and the Danas, did not seem to disturb the general opinion that all radical, and therefore un-American movements were organized, financed and strengthened by adhesions from eastern and southern Europe.

Henry Ford's Mistake.

Henry Ford was a strong element in this movement. It is no secret that the master tinker was led into his most startling absurdity by a Jewish woman from Vienna, Rozika Schwimmer. This lady got Ford to organize the peace expedition. She made the arrangements. He was the goat. Ford's bitterness toward Rozika, his shame at being ridiculed, his loss of face, were not to be forgotten. Like other men at other times, he took it out of the Jews. Using the old Russian monarchical organization and allying himself with the Tory "Morning Post" which was also associated with Russian monarchism, he started a world-wide campaign to extirpate the Jew.

All Things to All Haters.

All these forces working together, from different angles, made possible that curious tendency in American political and social life, the Ku Klux Klan. This organization

adopted the paraphernalia of a historic movement, hallowed in the minds of many fine people in the United States; it adopted the historical point of view of the Anglo-Saxon aristocracy in the United States, of the socially best people; it supported itself with the natural antipathy to people of alien habits and civilization. It utilized the fear in the United States for the radicalism of Russia, the dread of negro infiltrations and of Asiatic immigration. It adopted the creed that the United States must remain White and Protestant, that moral law must be upheld by popular force as the written law is by political force and that the non-white, non-Protestant elements in the United States must be held in their "proper" place, the property of their place to be determined by the individual Klan of each locality.

When the Klan first reappeared it was principally engaged in anti-negro and anti-radical activity. In due course, however, it became a sort of cementer of hatreds. Where the Jews were unpopular, it was anti-Semitic; where the Catholics were disliked, it was anti-Catholic; where the negro was disliked, it was anti-negro. It was all things to all haters. Its platform was hatred. It appealed to the spirit of the Druids. The "New York World" was the first American newspaper to investigate and in a measure to destroy the glamour of the Klan. It soon found that the Klan was a business organization, engaged in selling night-owls and masks, in publishing literature and in getting members. It found that certain individuals, particularly the Imperial Wizard, were making a fortune out of the business and that professional press-agents and similar exploiters of public opinion were engaged at high salaries to put the Klan over. Henceforth, good people were not connected with the Klan. It began to disintegrate. The Imperial Wizard was made to resign. Faction fights entered the Klan. Nevertheless the organization is not yet dead, as the appearance of it as a political force at the Democratic Convention indicated.

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THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1924.

K. K. K.

As long as it was believed that the Chinese Ku Klux Klan was a Chinese organization, one jested at it somewhat and wondered at the ingenuity of some nightgown shroff desirous of ridding himself of white sheetings, perhaps unbleached. Now the matter becomes somewhat more important, for the organizers are not Chinese at all, but foreigners. They had once made the statement that they were neither pro nor anti-foreign, yet they are foreigners themselves. They claim to have organized to save their country, yet it is not their country. When arrested by the Chinese, they appeal to a foreign consulate for protection and receive it, because they are foreigners and not Chinese. Had this movement been given a chance to develop and grow into something serious, had it preached an anti-foreign crusade or stirred up unpleasantness in the Settlement, we should have wearied the Chinese with complaints and protests and perhaps held the country responsible. Yet these men are not Chinese. They do not claim to be Chinese. They do not submit to China. They are outsiders utilizing the misfortunes of a nation to stir up the unfortunate and to make trouble for the miserable. For such foreigners there can only be one just punishment, a ship homeward bound.

Translated & copy sent to M. G.
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Extract from Daily Report
of June 27, 1924.

J. S. Ohing (陳永星) and Fung Zen Tsang
(馮善彰), U. S. citizens, who were arrested at the
raid on the Ku Klux Klan premises, have been handed over
to the American Consulate and the five others, who are
Chinese, are being detained by the Chapei Police.
Dr. J. S. Ohing (陳永星) is a medical doctor practising
at No. 136 Szechuen Road. Mr. Fung is an employee of the
Truscon Steel Co., 3 Canton Road.

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Extract from Daily Report of June
26, 1924.

The offices of the Chinese Ku Klux Klan at No. 7 East Weng Ping Road (東橫浜路), Chapei, were raided at 9 p.m. June 25 by Chapei Police headed by Huh Tsz Ling (胡樹林), Chief of the C.I.D. of the Woosung and Shanghai Constabulary, who arrested the following Cantonese on the premises:

Tsung Yao Kwang (曾耀光)	Feng San Tsang (馮山彰)
Dzung Sih (鄭錫)	Tsa Zoen Yuen (蔡藻垣)
Tsu Tseng Sing (朱祝新)	Dzung Yen Poo (鄭又坡)

and Dr. Zung Yoong Sing alias J. S. Ching (陳永星).

The Ku Klux Klan receives letters from America through C. P. O. Box 530 which it uses as a postal address.

Copies in draft of a portion of "The Klansman" and initiation cards used by the Ku Klux Klan are attached herewith.

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For the Cause that Need Assistance
For the Wrongs that Need Resistance

For the Future in the Distance
and the Good that We Can

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中華民國三十三年六月七日
SATURDAY JUNE 7, 1924

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Object of the three K's.

Objects.

- A.—Our Country, right or wrong, Our Country.
- B.—Our Brothers.
- C.—Our Family.
- D.—Education.
- E.—Industry.

Our Country.

We believe in the Republican form of government and it is our aim to aid and maintain this form of government in China and to prevent forces that are detrimental towards the accomplishments of this fact.

Our Brothers.

As we are all together for mutual benefits we must protect our brothers, namely:—give medical aid when sick, give help when in poverty, in employment, and bury the dead.

Our Families.

Mother and children are very dear to us and we must give comfort and shelter and to shield them from harm.

We are to see that education is provided to the young of our brothers and to himself as well and to support schools so that they can grow efficiently and as the green grass grows thruout the land.

Industries must grow with the government and we must support and aid their growth by buying the first and others secondary and aid in the development of Industries by Chinese.

The above is only a brief sketch of the object of the three K's.

中國三K黨黨綱

本黨宗旨共分五大綱

- (甲) 盡忠國家而拒帝國主義
- (乙) 本互助的精神以助同黨
- (丙) 對於家庭盡教養之義務
- (丁) 服務社會[一]拯救患難
- 公益
- (戊) 振興實業保障勞工

(甲) 國家為吾人生命之護符故本黨對於國家激動人民具愛國之心使國家政體健全其地位建設一強盛之基礎如有抱帝國主義者則須無等級觀念方為合格

(乙) 吾人既入本黨即須親如骨肉及其一特殊義氣一舉一動皆可作外人模範切不可違背綱如有破壞本黨者即應犧牲一切奮力救護如同黨中有事須助時本黨應具互助之精神而實力幫助之貧而患病者則醫治之身故者則料理之及撫養其妻妻教育其子女

(丙) 凡本黨黨員之生母及妻子如有不測事發生本黨須具有救護之責

(丁) 教育為人生要素故本黨對於黨員及其家人皆具有教育之義務至於本國之學校亦應補助之

(戊) 實業為國家之要素本黨應設法提倡並動人購用國貨使中國得在世界實業界中佔一重要之位置如有熱心欲興實業及黨員中在商務上有經營者本黨均應竭力贊助之惟同時關於勞工權利應極端保障

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REPORT ON The Chinese Ku Klux Klan

Made by D. I. Sullivan

Forwarded by

J. J. Guiness J. J.

Sir,

Whilst making investigations into alleged arms smugglers and dealers on information supplied by the Consul for the United States of America, certain facts were ascertained concerning the Chinese Ku Klux Klan, a society which has recently been established locally. The order was organized by Captain Lawrence D. Kearny and Sui Sin Ching alias J. S. Ching, an American born Chinese who is also a citizen of the U.S.A. Dr. Ching whose consulting rooms are at 136 Szechuen Road, does not claim to be an ordinary medical practitioner but specializes in electrical treatment of a particular kind. He claims to be registered *under the laws governing the medical profession* in one of the United States but it is not known whether he is recognized by other ^{local} ~~known~~ American medical men. He took out a license to carry a revolver in May of this year. The headquarters of the society are at 6-7 East Hong Peng Road, off North Honan Road Extension, Chapei, and in addition to Kearny, a young French citizen named Dominique Martinenghi and a British subject named Thomas Rowland also live there. Martinenghi has been in Shanghai about a year and was formerly employed on one of the French mail steamers. He states that he has joined the Klan but did not take any oath and declines to wear any regalia. He states that he has been told by Kearny, whom he never refers to by name but always as "The Captain" that the original members paid \$30.00 to join but that persons joining now pay \$3.00 entrance fee and thirty cents per month, that there are

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20,000 members, and that six or seven are joining every day. Martinenghi appears to treat the whole business as a joke but apparently he was destitute and Kearny helped him out and is now using him to further his ends.

Rowlands states that he was born in Hongkong and brought up in Malta. He is an Eurasian but is in possession of a British passport and is undoubtedly a British subject. He is about 25 years old and during February and March of this year was employed by the S.M.C. as a watchman in one of the firetowers at a salary of \$60.00 per month. He states that he gave it up as the salary was insufficient. He speaks several languages and appears to be a fairly well educated man. He is frankly antagonistic to "The Captain" whom he describes as a fraud. He states that he quarrels with him and tells him candidly that all his statements about the number of members, officers, etc. etc. of the Klan are gross exaggerations. Kearny also appears to have a hold on Rowlands through the latter's impoverished condition.

Martinenghi states that two other Americans, one of whom is referred to as Tommy, but whose names he does not know are also connected with the order and visit Kearny frequently. Information obtained from another source is to the effect that Kearny has taken two more houses in East Heng Peng Road and that the present occupants have been ordered by the landlord to vacate them.

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As regards the information re arms dealers given by Kearny to Mr. Davis, Chinese from this office have tried to obtain some proof of the allegations but without success. They are continuing the efforts in company with Martinenghi and their progress will be reported. It is the avowed intention of the Klan to issue a periodical, printed in Chinese, in the near future and I am of opinion that the publication will contain an article giving an account of all the alleged valuable information the Klan has given to the Police.

An invitation to visit the headquarters of the Klan is attached.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan.
D. I.

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J. D. C. I.

Arrangements being made for a Police Agent to join
24/6 J.B.

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Consuls. for.*

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Chapei, China
June 20, 1923

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Det. Insp. Sullivan
Present:

As you have been called in by the American Consul, Mr. Davis and the party is to see you at 4pm today we thought that it would be advisable to send along another man who can give to you information on the following:

The place where they rent pistols to robbers etc.: Where they have some machine guns and rifles. Places where morphine and cocaine is sold.

This young man has connections that will be valuable to you as he knows all the smugglers and willing to help in the suppression of the traffic.

There is no use in asking him about the society because he knows nothing of it and never will. But if the police dept. desires any information regarding the society they are welcome to come to the headquarters any evening and meet the officers of it.

We will send to you others and send to you any information that we obtain if you desire and with the number of members we have plenty of sources

Thanking you,
We remain sincerely

The Chinese Ku Klux Klan

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Extract from I. O. Daily Report
dated June 16, 1924.

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ORDER OF THE THREE K'S

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THE SHANGHAI TIMES

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As to it being anti-foreign. Why do all foreign papers make that statement when any Chinese society is started? It is not anti-foreign and never will be. We aim only to promote good feeling between the Chinese and the foreigners, but we certainly have the right to organize ourselves as well as the foreigner. He has his secret societies like the Masons, Odd Fellows and hundreds of other secret societies, then why cannot the Chinese have a society that is for the Chinese and China?

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Thanking you that you will correct this impression of the Three K's being a student movement and anti-foreign,

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THE IMPERIAL KLAN

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Shanghai, May 18, 1924.

THE CHINESE KU KLUX KLAN

Convincing Proof Of Its Existence

Convincing proof of the truth of the story in THE SHANGHAI SUNDAY TIMES of the formation of a Chinese Ku Klux Klan was provided yesterday when the Shanghai branch of the Klan wrote us a letter in connection with the story.

The letter was written on special notepaper, embossed with a "K" in blue, and signed "The Imperial Klan" and chopped with another big "K." According to the letter, published on Page 3, the figure of 10,000, stated in the article to be the membership of the Klan, is short of the mark, and the membership of the Klan is much bigger.



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The Editor*

** Order of the
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Editor,
The Shanghai Times

Shanghai, China May 18, 1924

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There has been a good deal of scepticism as to the statement made in the columns of these papers that a Chinese Ku Klux Klan had been formed and that the membership ran into several thousands. In THE SUNDAY TIMES we made detailed reference to certain documents that had come into our possession, and these revealed the objects of "The Three K's." If any doubt remained in the minds of readers after the publication of that article, it is unlikely that they will be convinced by the letter which we publish in our correspondence column this morning. Having some months ago met at least one member of the Klan in Shanghai, and having made elaborate inquiries since receipt of the documents referred to on Sunday, we have no doubt as to the existence in Shanghai, Canton, Hangchow, Nanking and Hankow of the Ku Klux Klan, the principal aim of which, as we have said, is the maintenance of the republican form of Government in China, and to combat all forces detrimental to the maintenance of such a government. "The Imperial Klan" to-day takes us to task for suggesting the possibility that this is a student movement, and says that "The Order of the Three K's" has "no affiliation with any student body or movement, it is not political and neither is it Bolshevik." We did not say any of these things, but wrote that one of the documents before us pointed out that "few of the students who have participated in any of the student movements, and have imbibed the principles of student patriotic endeavour, should resist the appeal." Neither did we suggest that the Klan was connected with, for instance, that secret society that has obtained a grip on Chinese all along the Yangtze Valley, and the name of which is mentioned only in a whisper by non-members.

"The Imperial Klan" states that the Klan movement in China is that of Chinese who like to better their country and themselves without the aid of foreign money or influence. This, obviously, is most laudable, whatever we may think of the possibilities of China evolving order out of the present chaos, brought about by rapacious officials, military satraps and men whose political jealousies have over-ridden commonsense. Even the Klan acknowledges that the foreigner has done some good in China, and if they desire only to improve upon what the alien has done in their midst and to benefit by the mistakes that have been made in the past, then we wish them every possible success. But, in moving along lines of isolation from the foreigner, there must always be a danger of becoming antagonistic, and the safer plan

surely would be to do all that is in their power to better their country without stating any exceptions as to assistance. In that event it would be impossible for anyone to suspect that the movement was anti-foreign, or, what is more important, for members to act as if it were. We are glad to learn that any such suspicions of anti-foreign motives are incorrect and that the Klan will never be anti-foreign as it is aimed "to promote good feeling between the Chinese and the foreigners."

Why there should constantly be discussion revealing prejudice against the foreigner we fail to see, although no doubt it owes genesis lay in the antagonism always displayed by China to aliens and their works. There is no suggestion in England of hostility to the Chinese or any other nationality, although there are some who are unable, as yet, to enjoy the company or relations in business of those nationals who were their enemies in the later war. But, then, every man is not congenial to every other man. Racial antipathies arising from war are, however, usually healed by the greatest physician of all—time. No sensible foreigner can object to the Chinese trying to supply their own needs: it is one of the aims of Western nations so far as practicable, to make themselves self-supporting. This policy was emphasized in the Great War, when it was extremely hazardous to traffic overseas. China undoubtedly could supply as many of her own needs as any Power, but the day when she will do so is far off, and its dawn will not take place earlier by China neglecting to accept the experience and practical aid of those who have passed through the undeveloped stage to high efficiency. We are assured that the Klan is not attempting the impossible, and that they are seeking to better themselves and the country by education and assistance. In that event there need be no alarm at the strength of the Klan: that is so long as their methods are in accord with their principles.



DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL
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Shanghai, May 14, 1924

SECRET & CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

I beg to report that the attached letter dated May 11 with two enclosures addressed to the Editor of the "Shanghai Times" has been handed to me in strict confidence for perusal.

The "Shanghai Times" who are considering making use of the letter and contents in their next Sunday's issue are inclined to believe that they are the only newspaper to receive such documents on account of having about six months ago published extracts from a similarly worded anonymous letter.

The "Shanghai Times" are further inclined to believe that such matter emanates from Chinese students, particularly those who have returned from America and in support of this statement that just prior to the aforementioned published extract their office circularized all schools and student bodies offering the "Shanghai Times" at reduced rates and received many new subscribers.

Your Obedient Servant,

J. L. Burnside
A/ D. C. I.

Commissioner of Police.

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Shanghai, China
May 11, 1924

Editor, Shanghai Times

As reported in your paper some time ago that there was a branch of the infamous American Klu Klux Klan among the Chinese, well here is a paper sent to a Chinese which bears out the statement.

I understand that there are about 10,000 members in and near Shanghai, and that they have klans in Hangchow, Nanking, Hankow and Canton and that it is growing fast.

I wonder if the last four mysterious murders, that the police have been unable to solve have not been caused by this order as I was given to understand that death is the penalty for the infraction of the rules and there is no question but what the Chinese at the present time are ripe for such a movement and it would be a source of a big anti-foreign movement, which I believe is the object of the order. I think it would be well for the police to investigate this matter.

The Chinese who gave me the papers has left the city but will return so that no names can be given as he is afraid that even if I give my name that they will trace the source and it might mean death to him.

Thanking you and hoping that you will be enabled to trace the movement,

Friend

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Dear Sir:-

Your name has been submitted to our Order by a friend as one worthy to become a member of our Order: We have investigated your status and are now ready to admit you into the Order of the Grand Klan.

In a short while one of our Klansman will call on you to receive your decision on the matter: We are glad to have you and know that you can be a part of this potential force to help our country: Will you be one of those inside helping and pulling for the country or one sitting on the fence to see the country go to ruin.

Give us your answer soon so that we may be able to grasp your hand in the grip of brotherhood for the glory of China and help to maintain our country as a Nation among the Great Powers of the World:

We remain,

Yours trustfully,
The Imperial Klan
Order of the Three K's.

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Object of the Three K'S.

Objects.

- A.- Our Country, right or wrong, Our Country.
- B.- Our Brothers.
- C.- Our Family.
- D.- Education.
- E.- Industry.

Our Country.

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The driving force of this new organization, judging from the documents, which include an invitation to join and a statement of the aims, is some degree of patriotism. Whether its activities will emulate those of the American order, whose acts of barbarism perpetrated under the mask of intense patriotism have earned for the organization world-wide abhorrence, remain to be seen. Yet, it cannot be denied that such a movement is possible of introduction in China, where secret societies and "paungas" have been known for centuries.

A large strata of Chinese society, that strata which produces the criminal elements, is honeycombed with secret orders. The loafers have their society; the robbers have their society. Whole towns and provinces have societies or "paungas," strange orders demanding undying loyalty to principles and ideas unknown to a foreigner. The only conclusion that can be attached to the new order is that it is purely a student body, perhaps arising from ideas transmitted from America through returned students, or built on the sensational stories of Ku Klux Klan activities which form an important part of the breakfast tidings in the newspapers. The dire penalties for infringement of Klan secrets, however, may be ignored if it is a student body.

Six months ago a story was published in this paper announcing the formation of a Chinese Ku Klux Klan. It was stated that even the white gown and hood, the impressive emblem of this strange form of justice, had been adopted, a yellow dragon replacing the scarlet cross of the American Klan. The objects were stated to be war on the many abuses gnawing the fabric of government in China, corruption, speculation, dishonesty among the politicians, "squabs," and the struggle for power at the cost of national integrity.

The Klan documents in our possession confirm what was previously written. These are the objects of the Klan: Our country, right or wrong; Our brothers; Our family; Education; Industry. "Give us your answer as soon as possible so we may strap you by the hand in the grip of brotherhood, and help to preserve our country as a nation

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5 Klans; 10,000 Members

According to our information, five Klans have been formed—at Canton, Shanghai, Hangchow, Nanking and Hankow—all of which places are centres of student activity. In and around Shanghai it is understood that there are 10,000 members. The members are elected in this way: the name of a likely member is submitted to the principals of the order, and after his status has been carefully investigated, and his opinions and principles, as known to friends in the order, have been considered, he is invited to join the Klan. After he has been given time to consider the proposal a Klansman calls on him for his answer, and if he is agreeable his name is inscribed on the roll.

Few of the students who have participated in any of the student movements, and have imbibed the principles of student, patriotic endeavour, should resist the appeal: "We are glad to have you in our ranks, and we know you can play an active part in this potential force to help our country."

"The Three K's"

The creed of the Klan is outlined in a document headed "Objects of the Three K's." The Klan believes in a Republican form of government and the maintenance of such a government constitutes their principal aim, as well as war on all forces detrimental to the maintenance of such a government. Monarchy is alien to the Klan.

The Klan supports and encourages education and supports the building of more schools so that the Chinese schools "can grow as efficiently and throughout the land." Purchase freely as the green grass grows of Chinese-made goods, patronage of shops selling Chinese-made goods, and support of Chinese industries are also among the Klan's objects.

Family Reverence

A strange spirit of family reverence runs throughout the document: "As we are banded together for mutual benefit we must protect our brothers, provide medical aid in case of sickness, give succour when in poverty or unemployment, or other difficulties, and to arrange for proper burial for the dead. Mother, wife and children are very dear to us and we must, therefore, give comfort and shelter to them and shield them from harm."

These are the facts of this new organization. Whether it will ever prosper depends on the seriousness with which its members take up the work. One thing is certain: the organization is not likely to grow to the extent of the American Klan, for all its history he written in so many chapters of lawlessness and murder as in some of the Southern States of America. The wonders, however, whether it is one of these schemes concocted by politicians to have a loud and noisy following of students in the next struggle for dominance when President Tsao K'un has been ousted out of the Presidency?

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KU KLUX KLAN IN SHANGHAI

STUDENTS GET BUSY

White-Hood Organization
Comes To China

WHAT WILL THEY DO?

The Chinese Ku Klux Klan, which will carry on activities similar to the American organization, is the latest aberration of a number of Chinese students in Shanghai, according to a report received by the SUNDAY TIMES yesterday.

Returned students from America brought the intimate details of the organization with them, and the Chinese version of the white hooded horde is to be based on the parent organization. Already a large number of students are reported to have sworn their allegiance to the new body. In addition to Shanghai, a branch at Nanking, and another in Peking are in the process of formation so that the whole nation will feel the effect of the powerful association—that is, if it ever gets beyond the stage of a mere farce—a very doubtful speculation.

A Tremendous Oath

The Klan trappings, so impressive and majestic in the flashlight pictures of Klan gatherings occasionally given in privileged papers, have not been neglected. A white gown and hood, not bordered with a red cross, but with a red or yellow dragon, according to the many degrees which will distinguish the Klansmen, will be worn. A solemn and tremendous oath, consecrating members to the service of the country and eradication of abuses in the secret and drastic manner of the Klan, will be administered to all members.

Naturally, the proceedings will be in secret, and the utmost secrecy will be observed in all its workings, but the information gives the impression that such secrecy will not exist for long. What will undoubtedly happen will be that the Klan will be nothing but one of the noisy protestant student organizations with which everybody in China is familiar. Such important pieces of statecraft as bombarding ministers with telegrams, manifestos, appeals, memoranda and the like, and strikes at schools when one student objects to his teacher, will doubtless be all they will accomplish.

The Chinese students have Stetson hats, American shoes, and an American twang about their English so perhaps in their desire to emulate Americans they had to establish the Ku Klux Klan.

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During the campaign of 1899-1900 our forces seldom "surprised" the Filipino army. They always were ready to fight on run. The secret Katipunan knew all. In the guise of a farmer returning through the lines, after disposing of his produce, that humble member of the wide-stretching order carried the news to his compatriot in the field, whispered into his ear by a jargon strange to the American sentinel. The industrious fisherman, passing to and fro from Laguna de Bay to Manila, up and down the Pasig River, was the messenger of the Katipunan. He was watched. He was suspected, but seldom caught, and if caught he pleaded amego—a friend of the great and good American—and, being humanitarians and big brothers, we believed him. But at night in the windowless depths of a "go-down"—warehouse—or in a shamble in the Tondo, or native section, he would glide in, barefooted and as stealthy as a cat, and, by the light of a dip, hold council, and gloat.

Secret Assemblies

Back of the Tondo Cathedral, in the amego quarter, where all the natives were Americanists, "having been converted to pacification," was a typical assemblage place of the order. A native of the Tagalog-speaking Province of Maccabeebe, acting as an American spy, joined the order and gained admittance to the council in 1899. Into this blackhole, the night of its discovery and capture, had crept a score of Katipunans, sworn by the blood compact. Present was the local chief of the Sandathans, orb bolo men, a man of intelligence and cunning, daily seen in his white duck as head waiter at the leading hotel of the city, where many officers and their families lived. The dark forms of the Tagalog zealots of independencia were squatted around the enclosure, hugging the shadows, so that only the lights of their cigarettes revealed their gleaming dark eyes. Such remarks as "Americanists," "White skinned monkeys," "Cowardly Yancos!" passed freely in the jargon of mutterings. "They would make us slaves," and "The Yancos must be exterminated, Mabini has said it," and the like, were phrases caught. In the middle of the room was a large square orange table, draped with a black satin coverlet, each end embellished with an equilateral triangle of gold embroidery, at the point of which were the letters "K."

On top of this table, in the centre, was a human skull, presumably snatched from the public vault at Paco Cemetery, where were thrown the skeletons of those whose "bono tax" were unpaid. In front of the skull were two bolos, crossed, their handles inlaid with ivory, their blades of razor sharpness, stained a dull red, perhaps blood—perhaps betel juice. Arrayed in front of this paraphernalia of the order, at respectful distance, sat in circular form twelve natives, in black clothes, white shirts, and at their sides black derby hats. Each sat on a low stool. The groups, with their backs to the walls, were bareheaded and barefooted—mostly youths. The room was stifling hot and almost airless. The matter of oxygen was secondary. Secrecy was of paramount importance.

Horror Tales To Awe New Recruits

Such was the description of the assemblage. One spoke after another. A long series of orders and resolutions was read nodded to. Then a seemingly formal ceremony took place. The skull on the table was referred to as that of a priest of Bigaa, who had been "punished" and the memento kept as a reminder of justice meted out to the friars. In hushed tones reference was made to four Katipunans who joined the American constabulary, who were caught by the Sandathans, taken from their beds at night, bound hand and foot, and thrown headforemost into a well and buried alive. Three women of Pasig were mentioned, who were stripped, cut to pieces by bolos, and their bodies thrown into the marshes, for revealing a meeting place of the order, it was declared. Five citizens of Taytay were spoken of who acted as guides to the American troops, caught with their bribes, bound with green rattan until the fibres cut their flesh, placed before an open grave and struck on their heads with an iron bar until they fell forward and were covered, by handfuls of dirt, in a grave of living death. The object of these recitals, all of which were true instances, evidently was to impress the neophytes, backed up against the wall, lately taken in to the order.

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MORE ABOUT THE CHINESE KU KLUX KLAN

WHY IS ITS SECRET?

Original Documents Show The Aims And Activities Of The Organization



Ku Klux Klan activities in Shanghai, since the publication of the article in the last issue of THE SHANGHAI SUNDAY TIMES, have been carried out with feverish energy owing to the fact, as one communication states, that the objects of this organization are alleged to have been somewhat distorted in that article.

An explanation is necessary. In a communication sent to this office no accusations of distortion of the contents of the documents distributed were made. Reference was made only to the assertion in the article that the

Ku Klux Klan was a student organization, or, to quote the actual words, "or perhaps arising from ideas transmitted from America through returned students." In last week's article no attempt was made to give the context of the whole documents. Merely a general article was written on the Klan, built on information in our possession and the documents.

Below are given reproductions of the letters received by THE SUNDAY TIMES and produced to show readers exactly what documents are being circulated by the Klan. The initial "K," which heads the article, is a reproduction of the organization's seal affixed to a letter sent to this office. The "K" is interested with three dashes to emphasize the title of the organization which refers to itself as the "Order of The Three K's."

Extensive reference has been made in the Chinese newspapers to the information we published. A certain "T. J." writing in the "Shanghai Journal of Commerce" on Thursday morning, explained the "real objects" of the organization, but he was guided only by translations of our article given in the Chinese

newspapers, as he admitted. If any "distortions" were made they were made in translation, as the documents, reproduced, are exactly as we received them.

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The statement that it is a student body is, in our opinion, justifiable. Much of the litera-

ture distributed to members and possible members is in English. It is difficult to see how much effect English-printed circulars would have among Chinese who do not understand English, and it is the vast majority of students who are the English-speaking and English-writing elements in China. Moreover, the aims of the organization coincide with the printed announcements of student bodies, and education is announced by the Klan as being one of their principal aims.

In his article in the "Shanghai Journal of Commerce," the mysterious "T. J." stated that the Klan had no intention of duplicating the American Ku Klux Klan methods. Emphasis is laid on its peaceful character for the accomplishment of aims eminently patriotic. Then why work in secret? Why not come out into the open and publicly reveal their existence? In America the leader of the Ku Klux Klan, the Imperial Wizard as he is called, is well-known. His photograph has appeared in practically every newspaper. Periodically public statements are made, and the only pretence at secrecy are the Klan meeting places and actions.

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among the great Powers of the world" is the appeal to prospective members, as stated on the membership form.

5 Klans; 10,000 Members

According to our information, five Klans have been formed—at Canton, Shanghai, Hangchow, Nanking and Hankow—all of which places are centres of student activity. In and around Shanghai it is understood that there are 10,000 members. The members are elected in this way: the name of a likely member is submitted to the principals of the order, and after his status has been carefully investigated, and his opinions and principles, as known to friends in the order, have been considered, he is invited to join the Klan. After he has been given time to consider the proposal a Klansman calls on him for his answer, and if he is agreeable his name is inscribed on the roll.

Few of the students who have participated in any of the student movements, and have imbibed the principles of student patriotic endeavour, should resist the appeal: "We are glad to have you in our ranks, and we know you can play an active part in this potential force to help our country."

"The Three K's"

The creed of the Klan is outlined in a document headed "Objects of the Three K's." The Klan believes in a Republican form of government and the maintenance of such a government constitutes their principal aim, as well as war on all forces detrimental to the maintenance of such a government. Monarchy is alien to the Klan.

The Klan supports and encourages education and supports the building of more schools so that the Chinese schools "can grow as efficiently and throughout the land." Purchase freely of the green grass grown of Chinese-made goods, patronage of shops selling Chinese-made goods, and support of Chinese industries are also among the Klan's objects.

Family Reverence

A strange spirit of family reverence runs throughout the document: "As we are banded together for mutual benefit we must protect our brothers, provide medical aid in case of sickness, give succour when in poverty or unemployment, or other difficulties, and to arrange for proper burial for the dead. Mother, wife and children are very dear to us and we must, therefore, give comfort and shelter to them and shield them from harm."

These are the facts of this new organization. Whether it will ever prove effective depends on the seriousness with which its members take up the work. One thing is certain: the organization is not likely to grow to the extent of the American Klan, nor will its history be written in so many chapters of lawlessness and mob-murder as in some of the southern States of America. One wonders, however, whether it is not one of those schemes bolstered up by politicians to have a loud and noisy following of students in the next struggle for dominance when President Tsao Kun has been shuffled out of the Presidency?

Confirms Previous Story

Six months ago a story was published in this paper announcing the formation of a Chinese Ku Klux Klan. It was stated that even the white gown and hood, the impressive vestment of this strange form of hooded justice, had been adopted, a yellow dragon replacing the scarlet cross of the American Klan. The objects were stated to be war on the many abuses gnawing the fabric of government in China, corruption, speculation, dishonesty among the politicians, "squeeze," and the struggle for power at the cost of national integrity.

The Klan documents in our possession confirm what was previously written. These are the objects of the Klan: Our country, right or wrong; Our brothers; Our family; Education; Industry. "Give us your answer as soon as possible so we may grasp you by the hand in the grip of brotherhood, and help to preserve our country as a nation

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